Forensic Science Technician

**Job Description:** Collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations.

**What do Forensic Science Technicians do?**

* Collect evidence from a crime scene to help understand the chain of events.
* Run ballistics tests on guns to find the one used by the criminal.
* Examine DNA samples to determine if they match other samples
* Solve a crime by matching fingerprints at the crime scene to a suspect.
* Testify in court about investigative and analytical methods and findings.
* Identify drugs and poisons found in biological fluids and tissues, in foods, and at crime scenes.
* Analyze handwritten and typed evidence to decipher altered or erased text or to determine authorship.
* Reconstruct crime scenes to determine relationships among pieces of evidence.
* Analyze broken glass to determine its source or direction of breakage.

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $24.75 hourly, $51,480 annual

Projected Job Openings – 8,000 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like to work on a team?
* Do you like to solve mysteries?
* Do you like to look at things under a microscope?
* Do you pay close attention to details?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor’s Degree in Forensic Science, Criminology, Toxicology, Odontology, Biology, Chemistry, or other related field depending on what types of evidence you would like to work with.